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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with CARAVEL

1. I met with CARAVEL at his home in Wiesbaden on the evening of 27 January 1969. Arrangements were made for this meeting via telephone on 21 January 1969. The meeting lasted approximately one hour and 45 minutes. He gave me copies of the attached material covering the State Secretary's meeting on 23 January 1969, a protocol list of the testimony of UTILITY, [] and his own testimony before the closed session of the Bundestag sub-committee for security, and copies of a written report he submitted to the Bundestag concerning the Luedke case and proposals for changing the law governing CAMEN. We made arrangements for a "herrnabend" on 11 February 1969, at which he will have an opportunity to meet []

2. CARAVEL was quite gloomy at this meeting and complained bitterly about the lax attitudes towards security within the German Government. During the past two weeks he has spent most of his time on the Lebach case, which he described to me as "das triumph der liederlichkeit". He also described the security within the Bundeswehr as "Saustahl". He is very pessimistic over the outcome of the Lebach case and said that his personnel once again had gotten into the act too late. He claimed he had literally thousands of clues which had to be pursued. He did not at this time see any reason to believe that a foreign intelligence service had been involved in the case. As far as he could tell, at the present time it appeared to be purely a criminal case. Returning to the subject of security within the German Government, he said the U.S. Government should step in and tell the Germans to straighten out their security system. He believes someone such as [] or the Ambassador should make a strong pitch to the Germans on their security system. I told him that he would have an opportunity to present his views to [] on 11 February.

3. Regarding the Afghan police, CARAVEL said that he was unable to come up with a list of names since most of the records had been transferred back to the Interior Ministry.

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He said that he has given us in the past the names of all the Afghan police officials who have been training with his organization. He said he believed these names were available in our files. He said he would continue to see what he could do but he did not hold out much hope. He indicated that he had a standing invitation to visit Kabul in his Interpol capacity, but simply did not have the time. It is my impression that CARAVEL has been too busy with the Lebach, the Luedke and other cases to devote much time to working on the acquisition of the names of the Afghan police officials. I do not wish to push him on this matter.

4. Regarding the traces on Josef Shutte, Klugkiest and Witkowski, CARAVEL came up with negative traces. He had identified two Joseph Shutte's, but since he did not have the date of birth, he was unable to specifically identify them. One of the Shutte's, however, according to his information, was convicted at some time in the past as an exhibitionist. Regarding Klugkiest, he said that desired, he would check the criminal records in Berlin. I told him to hold off on this matter until I checked with my colleagues. On the matter of Shutte, I told him that we were particularly interested in finding out the exact position of Shutte within the Kalla organization. He said he would keep on trying in this matter.

5. I asked him for a copy of the book "Unkelrichtlinien". He said that these were being revised at present in Karlsruhe and we would get a copy of the new edition once it was complete.

6. CARAVEL said that he plans to travel to Addis Ababa on Interpol business during the latter part of February. He will return around the first part of March.

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